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Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/632,433	Applicant(s) DECANIO ET AL.	
	Examiner Korie H. Chan	Art Unit 3632	

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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 13 April 2007.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 3,5-14,17-26 and 34-43 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 27-33 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 3,5-14,17-26 and 34-43 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. Code not included in this action can be found in a prior Office action.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

Claims 3, 5-14, 17-22, 34-43 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Regarding claims 3 and 14, applicant recites that "the arm member movably coupled to the shaft"; however, a review of applicant's device indicate that the arm (112, figure 5) is NOT movably coupled to the shaft but rather pivotable coupled to the interface section (138). It is only the interface section (138) that is movable coupled to the shaft. Similarly in claim 13, line 8, "the arm member coupled to the shaft" is vague and indefinite since the arm (112) is NOT coupled to the shaft but rather it is pivotally coupled to the interface section 138.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

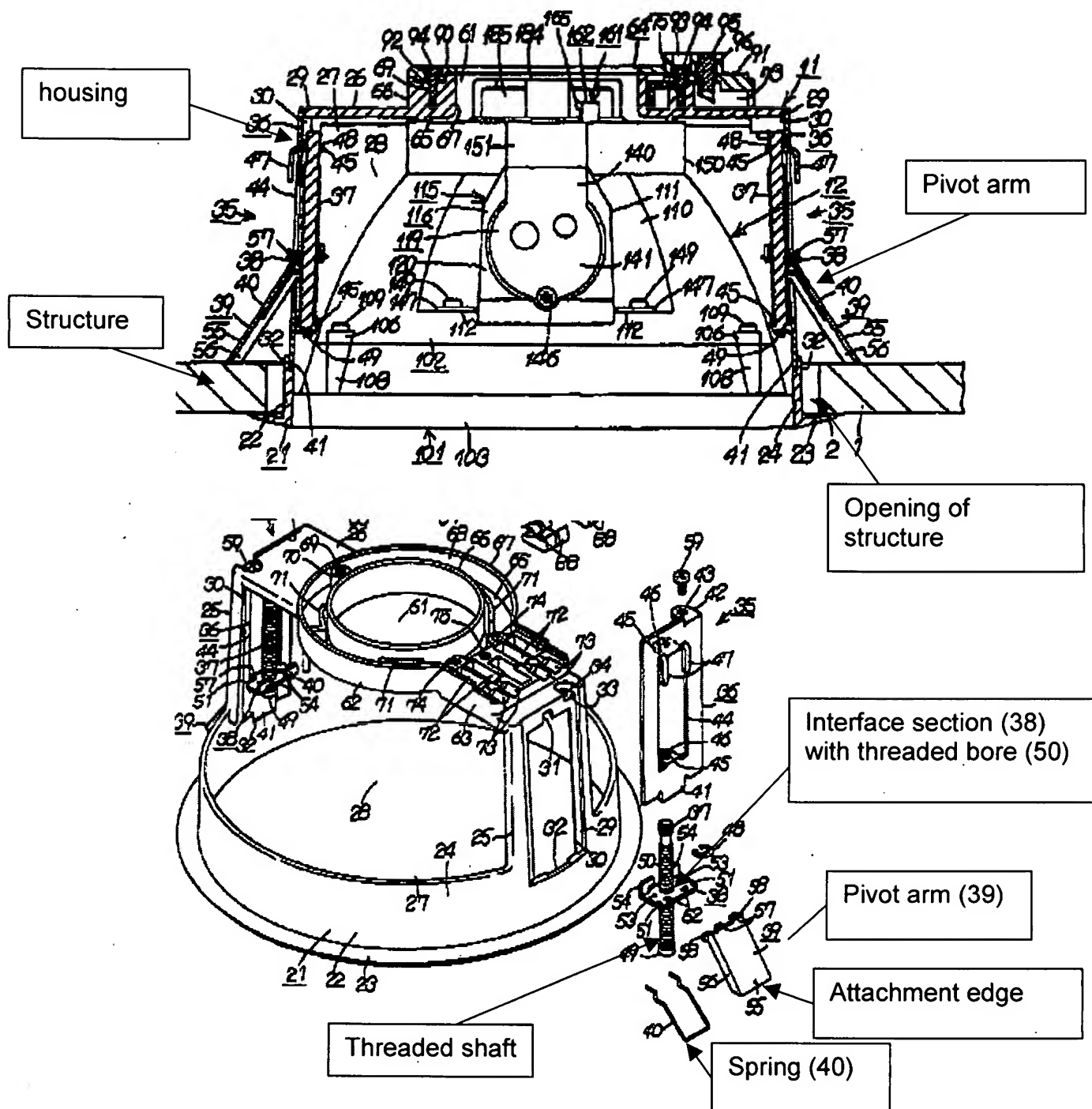
Claims 23 and 25 are rejected under 35 .S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Tchilinguirian (US patent no. 6,588,543). Regarding claim 23, Tchilinguirian discloses a loudspeaker system comprising: a loudspeaker; a speaker housing adapted for insertion into an opening of a structure along a mounting direction; a mounting assembly (14) for mounting the loudspeaker housing in the opening; a mounting mechanism (36) coupled to the housing and including an arm member (36, figure 3) pivotable between a first position and a second position, where at the first position (the not circled mechanism 30

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is in premounting position, figure 2) the arm member enables insertion of the loudspeaker housing in the opening, and at the second position (the circled portion of 30, figure 2 and 3) the arm member (36) extends generally away from the loudspeaker housing into engagement with a surface of the structure defining the opening; a spring mechanism (44) connected to the arm member for biasing the arm member toward the second position; and a shaft (60, figure 6) interconnecting the mounting mechanism and the housing, whereby the arm member (36) of the mounting mechanism is pivotal between the first position and the second position independent of any movement of the shaft; regarding claim 25, where the mounting mechanism (36) is movably coupled to the shaft (60) for adjusting position of the arm member relative to the speaker housing along the mounting direction.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

Claims 3, 5-14, 17-26, and 34-43 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Sato et al (US patent no. 6,132,069) in view of Tchilinguirian (US patent no. 6,588,543). Sato discloses a mounting mechanism having all the claimed features of applicant's invention as illustrated below.



However, Sato does not disclosed the housing is part of a speaker to support a speaker system and wherein the arm as having an attachment edge with toothed attachment surface. Tchilinguirian teaches that mounting brackets for speakers, lights

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are well-known in the art and are in the same mounting environment. These prior art mounting brackets are sometimes custom fabricated to make them fit into ceilings and walls of a building structure into which the devices are to be installed (Col. 1, paragraph 2). Tchilinguirian further discloses that mounting of a speaker system (that may be round, figure 9) where a speaker housing (48) having mounting structure with arm member (42) having toothed attachment surface (figure 4). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to have modify the system of Sato to mount a speaker system as taught by Tchilinguirian as speakers and lightings are equivalently mounted to ceilings and wall structures. To adapt one well-known mounting bracket for mounting a light fixture mounted in the same environment for mounting a speaker would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art. Further it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to modify the attachment edge of Sato's arm such that it is toothed for the well-known advantage of digging into the structure for firm attachment and to further adapted the housing structure for a speaker as taught by Tchilinguirian for mounting a speaker.

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments filed 4/13/2007 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive. Regarding the 35 USC 112, 2nd paragraph rejection, applicant argues that "even if the arm member is not directly attached to the shaft, the arm member may nevertheless be movably coupled to the shaft" (Page 11, last three lines of paragraph one, remarks section). In applicant's case, examiner respectfully disagrees. In

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applicant's claim 3, for example, recites that "an arm member movably coupled to the shaft" (claim 3, line 6) which according to applicant means that this recitation denotes that this is not directly attached to the shaft. However, later in the claim 3, applicant recites that "interface section is movably coupled to the shaft" (claim 3, last two lines), now does one interpret this recitation as being directly attached or not attached. Applicant's same use of the words "movably coupled" to reference his device to be directly attached and also to not be directly attached is vague and indefinite.

Further, applicant's reference to the combination of Sato and Tchilinguirian that since claims 12, 22, and 43 depends from allowed claims, that such is allowable has ignored such combination rejection. Again, Tchilinguirian taught the use of mounting brackets for lighting and speaker are of the generally the same field of endeavor. Consequently, to adapt one well-known mounting bracket for a lighting fixture into mounting bracket for speaker would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art.

Conclusion

Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire **THREE MONTHS** from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within **TWO MONTHS** of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the **THREE-MONTH** shortened statutory period, then the

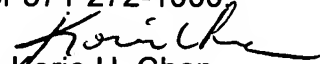
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shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Korie H. Chan whose telephone number is 571-272-6816. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Thursday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Carl Friedman can be reached on (571)272-6842. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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